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THE FOLLOWING IS DRAFT STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO NAC.

DRAFT STATEMENT TO THE NAC

I

1. I AM PLEASED TO MEET AGAIN TODAY WITH THE COUNCIL TO CONTINUE THESE CONSULTATIONS ON SALT. AS YOU KNOW, WE CONSIDER SUCH CONSULTATIONS ON MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST WITHIN THE ALLIANCE TO BE HIGHLY VALUABLE AND IMPORTANT, AND I INTEND TO CONTINUE THIS PRACTICE WHENEVER SUFFICIENT DEVELOPMENTS HAVE OCCURRED TO WARRANT FURTHER MEETINGS. YOU WILL RECALL I LAST MET WITH YOU ON MARCH 15 TH. MORE RECENTLY, WE SUBMITTED A LETTER TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL OUTLINING THE RESULTS OF OUR DISCUSSIONS IN SALT TWO UP TO THE LAST RECESS WHICH BEGAN ON APRIL 17 AND LASTED UNTIL MAY 4.

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2. DURING THE RECESS THE UNITED STATES CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE RESULTS OF THE GENEVA SESSIONS TO DATE AND EXAMINED POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO DEVELOPING AN EQUITABLE PERMANENT AGREEMENT ON STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS. AS A RESULT OF THIS REVIEW, THE UNITED STATES HAS DECIDED TO TABLE CERTAIN SPECIFIC PROPOSALS AS A BASIS FOR A PERMANENT AGREEMENT ON STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS. OUR PROPOSALS WILL INCLUDE BOTH QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE MEASURES DESIGNED TO ENSURE STABILITY OVER AN EX PUBLIC DISCLOSURE; AND

(2) IF OFFERED IN EVIDENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TREATY IN A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING BE MADE AVAILABLE ONLY TO THE COURT, THE DEFENSE COUNSEL AND THE JURY WHERE NECESSARY IN AN IN CAMERA PROCEEDING THE RECORD OF WHICH WOULD BE SEALED."

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WHICH WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE VIABILITY OR CIRCUMVENT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PERMANENT AGREEMENT.

8. WE STAND FIRM IN OUR DETERMINATION THAT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE US CONTRIBUTION TO OUR ALLIANCE DETERRENT STRATEGY WILL IN NO WAY BE JEOPARDIZED. TO THAT END, WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH AN APPROACH IS SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE SO AS NOT TO CONSTRAIN ALLIED DEFENSE PLANNING OR ANY REINFORCEMENT IN TIMES OF CRISIS. AS NOTED

ABOVE, WE WILL PROPOSE THAT THESE ASSURANCES APPLY EQUALLY TO SOVIET NON- CENTRAL NUCLEAR CAPABLE SYSTEMS SYSTEMS, AND THAT THEY WILL APPLY ONLY TO THE FORCES OF THE US AND THE USSR.

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9. THROUGHOUT OUR DISCUSSIONS ON STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, A KEY ELEMENT OF THE US APPROACH HAS BEEN TO PRESERVE THE SURVIVABILITY OF OUR STRATEGIC FORCES AND THEREBY PROMOTE STABILITY. IN KEEPING WITH THIS DESIRE TO ENHANCE STRATEGIC STABILITY, THE US HAS PRESENTED TO THE SOVIET DELEGATION A PROPOSAL TO PLACE LIMITATIONS ON MULTIPLE RE- ENTRY VEHICLES DEPLOYED ON LANDBASED IBMS. WE ARE PREPARED TO MOVE AHEAD PROMPTLY TO CONCLUDE A PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT THAT WOULD ACCOMPLISH THIS PURPOSE. THIS WOULD BE A SEPARATE AGREEMENT -- NOT AN ADDITION TO THE INTERIM

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AGREEMENT NOR NECESSARILY COTERMINOUS WITH IT -- WHICH WOULD REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL SUPPLANTED BY THE PERMANENT AGREEMENT LIMITING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS.

10. THE KEY ELEMENT OF OUR PROPOSAL FOR LIMITATIONS ON LAND-BASED MULTIPLE RE- ENTRY VEHICLES WILL BE TO LIMIT THE DEPLOYMENT OF MIRV/ MRVS ON EACH SIDE TO THOSE ICBM LAUNCHERS ON WHICH MIRV/. MRV SYSTEMS ARE OPERATIONAL OR WHICH ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR CONVERSION FOR SUCH MIRV/ MRV SYSTEMS AS OF AN AGREED DATE. THERE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE COROLLARY CONSTRAINTS TO ENHANCE THE VERIFICATION BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS. I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT UNDER OUR PROPOSAL BOTH SIDES WOULD BE PERMITTED TO DEPLOY MULTIPLE RE- ENTRY VEHICLES ON SLBMS.

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11. THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT THIS OVERALL APPROACH TO A PERMANENT AGREEMENT IS A CONSTRUCTIVE AND REALISTIC STEP TOWARD ACHIEVING ESSENTIAL EQUIVALENCE IN THE STRATEGIC SYSTEMS OF BOTH THE US AND THE USSR. AGREEMENT ALONG THESE LINES WILL ENHANCE THE DETERRENT VALUE OF STRATEGIC FORCES AND THUS REDUCE THE RISK OF NUCLEAR WAR. THE US PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED SO AS TO PERMIT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THESE GOALS WITHOUT ANY ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES OR OUR ALLIES. IMPORTANTLY, THEY WILL PRESERVE OUR ABILITY TO MEET OUR COMMITMENTS TO NATO.

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12. THIS CONCLUDES MY REPORT TO THE COUNCIL TODAY. I AM PREPARED TO RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. JOHNSON

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